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REMARKS

Claims 21, 22, 24-30, and 32 are pending in the above-identified application and the Applicant ask that they be considered and examined by the Examiner.

35 U.S.C. §102 Response

The Examiner rejected claims 21, 22, 24, 25, 29, 30, and 32 under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by Sigmon et al. (US 5,739,723). Applicant has amended the independent claims to contain an element that is not found in the teachings of the Sigmon et al. patent, but was located in an allowable dependent claims.

Therefore applicant believes that claims 21, 22, 24, 25, 29, 30, and 32 are in condition for allowance.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner indicated that claims 23, 26-28, and 31 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant acknowledges and thanks the Examiner for indicating allowable subject matter.

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Conclusion

Applicant submits that claims 23, 26-28, and 31 are in condition for allowance and asks for such action.

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